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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY TRACKING AND  
COMMUNICATING DATA STORAGE DEVICE INFORMATION USING RF TAGS:  
OPERATING CONDITION, CONFIGURATION AND LOCATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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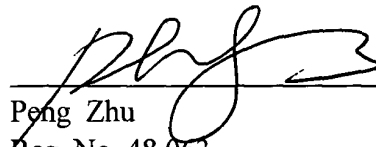
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